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Virtual TACC comes to life

By Ronald Lake

Wing Public Affairs

A multi-faceted, Total Force team assembled at Travis in early June to set up an alternate Tanker Airlift Control Center in an effort to test the viability of establishing a "virtual" TACC.

Air Mobility Command is expanding its operational capabilities by using Theater Deployable Communications assets to provide communications infrastructure that can be quickly deployed to provide support to the TACC at alternate locations.

The TACC provides command and control for all Air Mobility Command tanker and airlift missions worldwide.

Among the units participating in the test here were members of AMC's TACC from Scott AFB, Ill., 349th Communications Squadron, 615th Air Mobility Operations Group and 615th AMOS, 60th Communications Squadron, and 252nd Combat Communications Group from the Washington Air National Guard located at Camp Murray, Wash.

The 349th CS spearheaded the TDC effort by providing telephone and data connections via long-haul satellite links, as well as Local Area Network support for the alt-TACC controllers.

The 349th CS was augmented by members of the 615th Air Mobility Operations Squadron communications flight. Both the 349th CS and 615th AMOS are tasked to



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101 Critical Days of Summer begin

Welcome to the July UTA! By the time you read this, we will have already celebrated our nation's birthday. And while I hope you and your family had a great time, I also hope you did it safely!

We are right in the middle of *101 Critical Days of Summer* and now is not the time to let our guard down. Hey, let's be safe out there!

The big event for me in July will be wing commander's calls. A Flight and C Flight will have theirs on Sunday at 1230 at the Base Theater. B Flight will have two--one at 1030 and the other at 1230, both on Sunday at the base theater. We'll present some medals, recognize our quarterly award winners and I want to go over a couple issues with you. As I've promised before, we will keep them under an hour.

Thanks to everyone who helped with Mega Week! I hope you and your family had a chance to come to visit the Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall or Air Expo 2001.

Both were great events that put Team Travis in a very favorable light and would not have been possible without the hard work of several of you. While I can't list everyone, particular thanks goes to 2Lt Clarissa Anzaldúa for the opening ceremony for the Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall on 16 June.

Thanks also to **Master Sgt. (Ret.) Paul Squire** for his opening remarks that day. **Master Sgt. Squire** is a PJ with 86 saves during the war, one of which earned him the Silver Star, and is one of the many unsung heroes from that difficult conflict. I would also like to thank all of you who volunteered for escort duty and also **Master Sgt. Marv Ressimann** for coordinating all the volunteers.

You are my heroes!

There's some good news for any of you approaching HYT who would like to continue to serve this great nation of ours. For a limited time, the command is granting waivers for those with a HYT date between June 1, 2001 and Dec. 31, 2002. If that's you and you're interested, you must make application by Aug. 31, 2001.

See your unit career advisor or contact

Master Sgt. Dave Mullet at (707) 424-3555 directly. Don't wait, we need you!

There's a program at Travis Air Force Base that's aimed primarily at active duty members who are relocating here and looking for housing. But it's also available to reservists and I want to let you know about it. It's a website where you can either search for a rental property or home for sale or you can list a rental property or home for sale. The thinking is that homeowners who know the reliability and trustworthiness of military members will list properties there in hopes of greater access to that market. The web site is: www.M2Mreferral.com. Check it out!

Many of you may not realize it but not all members of the 349th AMW report to Travis AFB. We have two detachments of the 349th Medical Squadron, Detachment 1, at Fairchild AFB, Wash., and Detachment 2 at Kirtland AFB, N.M. I had a chance to visit Det 1 last month and was very impressed with this hard working bunch of professionals. Led by their commander Col. Linda Miller and with the help of their 1st Sergeamt, **Master Sgt. Bryon Collins**, they are working hard preparing for their HSI next April. Good luck to all of them!

Ever heard of RCPHA? It stands for Reserve Component Periodic Health Assessment and it's a big change for us. Instead of a physical every five years, the 39th Aerospace Medicine Squadron will administer annual periodic health assessments. The vision is for them to be completed electronically, probably from a web site. Based on your assessment, you might not even have to see a doctor! But the point is that we will have a much better picture of your overall health by checking annually vice every five years. The program starts this fall and the medical folks will fill us in on the details. In fact anyone born in June through September should have already received a questionnaire. Seems the web site is not up yet!

Still procrastinating about getting your ACSC/AWC done? Here's the most painless way I know--enroll by seminar. Weekly meetings start in August. Call Kate at the Education Center to enroll, (707) 424-



Pass and Review

By Col. James T. Rubeor

1727. If we get enough reservists to sign up, we can even have a separate "reserve" seminar that can meet on Saturday's after the UTA!

Enrolled in ATWIND yet? Here's the introductory game piece: **9999-0011-111**. Log on at www.atwind.com and log it in. Be sure and enroll every member of your family because you can't win if you don't play!

Just a reminder- the MPF flight will be closed on B Flight this UTA!

See you at the UTA!

Commander's Calls set for July

The 349th Air Mobility Wing Commander will conduct mandatory Commander's Calls on Sunday of each UTA in July in the Base Theater, Bldg. 437.

The schedule is as follows:

- **A Flight 12:30 p.m.**
- **B Flight 10:30 a.m.**
- **B Flight 12:30 p.m.**
- **C Flight 12:30 p.m.**

Due to religious services in Chapel One at 9 and 11 a.m. on Sunday, all those attending the 10:30 a.m. Commander's Call on B Flight should avoid parking in or near the Chapel parking lot between the theater and Chapel One. Attendees can park in the Bldg. 205 parking lot (across the street from the theater), at the Base Library or near the Fitness Center, and walk to the theater. Car pooling also is encouraged.

Squadron commanders wanting awards to be presented should have them delivered to the Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 237, Bay F, first floor, by noon Saturday of the UTA.



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12 Taking care of business

From the moment our 349th AMW Enlisted Workshop began on May 17, until the retiring of the colors, the room was filled with high-energy professionals ready to glean more information to assist with their career development, mentoring and overall Reserve issues.

On the Cover



Senior Airman Kevin Ray, 349th Communication Squadron (kneeling), Airman 1st Class John Koenig, 615th Air Mobility Operations Squadron (center), and Staff Sgt. Jonathan Grace, 349th CS, all satellite communications specialists, start up a Lightweight Mobile Satellite Terminal. A Total Force effort tested the viability of establishing a "virtual" alternate Tanker Airlift Control Center at Travis in early June. Story continued from front page to Page 10. (Photo by Ronald Lake)

Program offers ways to reward top performers

Success is a product of our actions. One of the proud things we as Air Force members can do is recognize our people.

In that tradition, our new 349th Air Mobility Wing's Airman, Non Commissioned Officer, Senior Non Commissioned Officer and Junior Grade Officer of the Quarter and of the Year program will recognize our top people.

Why do we have these programs? First, to say "thanks" for working so hard keeping our Air Force strong.

And second, to focus on those things that are important to us such as professionalism, leadership and patriotism.

A newly revised 349th Air Mobility Wing Instruction 36-2801 will soon be out. This instruction outlines the responsibilities and requirements of this program.

Here are some of the points on this new program. Quarterly award periods are Jan. 1 through March 31, April 1 through June 30, July 1 through Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 through Dec. 31.

Each group in the wing can submit one package for each category for the quarterly

award period. Packages will consist of the completed Air Force Form 1206, commander's and group commander's endorsement, a Base Level Record Review RIP, a short biography and a general information page. It should be noted that there are also now only three headings on the AF Form 1206.

These three headings are Leadership in Job Performance in Primary Duty, Significant Self-Improvement and Base or Community Involvement.

The Military Personnel Flight's Career Enhancement Section is the OPR and will send information to everyone about a specific suspense and other requirements.

Suspense dates for the quarterly program will be approximately two weeks after the award period.

The Wing Executive Council headed by the wing commander will review the packages, then select and announce the quarterly winners.

Wing Quarterly Award winners will then compete for the annual board at the end of the year. First Sergeants only compete in the "of the Year" board.

All members competing at this next level



Chief's Counsel

By Command Chief Master Sgt.
Anthony L. Maddux

will report to the board in person. Board members will review the packages and interview the candidates.

Personnel selected will then have their packages submitted for consideration to compete at the 4th Air Force, the Air Force Reserve Command and finally at Headquarters Air Force level for the Twelve Outstanding Airmen of the Year program.

I have no doubt this new program will give our people a much better chance for consideration at higher headquarters.

It will take a little time getting used to the new changes, but it takes a deep commitment to promote positive changes. Especially those that recognize our great wing's top performers.

I believe we must never quit trying for success; the moment we give up, it will never get done.

FLIGHT LINE: What extra safety precautions are you taking during the summer?



SMSgt. Teresa Hamner
349th AMW/HC

"We are involved in a lot of water sports, such as kayaking, so I make sure we all wear our life jackets and that when we're outdoors we have on sunscreen."



2nd Lt. Clarissa Anzaldua
349th AMW/MEO

"During the summer I make sure to drink a lot more water and things like Gatorade to keep my electrolytes up."



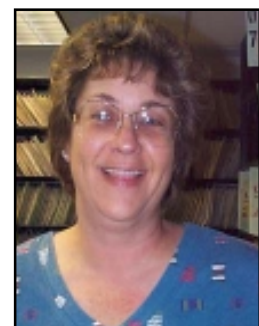
SMSgt. Cindy Dunn
349th OSF/OSO

"My boys are doing a lot of swimming, so I am having them drink plenty of water and use sun screen."



Lt. Col. Jeanne Haddad
349th OSF/CC

"Don't speed, don't drink and drive, and take frequent breaks."



Donna Jasinowski
349th AMDS/SGP

"I have been watching the air quality index and limiting my outside activity on bad air days."

Air Force: adventure, variety, total force

By Col. Cliff Smith

349th Logistics Group commander

One of the great things about working in the Air Force is the adventure and variety of the experience. On any given day, circumstances beyond our control can have us performing duties we couldn't anticipate, in places we couldn't expect.

For me, May 2 started out just like any other day. However, as I drove in the gate early that morning, I noticed an unex-

pected C-5 in the pattern over the flight line. Once I poured my coffee and headed to the routine morning maintenance meetings, I got the news that one of our C-5s was unable to lower the nose landing gear and had declared an in-flight emergency.

The next few minutes were spent clamoring for any information we could find. The typical questions were asked: "What is the tail number, whose aircraft is it, how much fuel, how many passengers, where are we in the emergency response checklist, is crash recovery ready?" About the same time, another critical factor arose. The winds in the local area had exceeded safe levels for an emergency nose-gear up landing. The aircraft would have to go elsewhere to land and a recovery team would have to follow.

Almost without thinking, I heard myself say those pre-programmed words, "I volunteer to go". The offer was quickly accepted by wing leadership. Having a senior maintenance officer at the other end would no doubt help in the recovery effort and information flow.

The stage was set and the details were being worked out. I called my surprised but understanding wife and told her I needed a bag packed, not sure where I was going or for how long. My bags were packed and delivered within 45 minutes! Needless to say, my first hero of the recovery operation was my wife of 22 years who has always stood by my side as a devoted military spouse. In my opinion,

military spouses should be declared national treasures as this scene is repeated day after day in every branch of military service around the globe.

After examining all the operational alternatives, the decision was made to fly the aircraft to Edwards Air Force Base and land on Rogers dry lake bed, with the nose landing gear still in the up position. As a career maintainer, all I can say about the landing is that it was a spectacular demonstration of superior airmanship. The giant C-5 and its load of passengers and



cargo were brought to a halt on the lake bed safely and with minimal damage.

Our maintenance recovery team of nine people arrived about four hours later at 12:40 p.m. The Edwards response was picture perfect. All the equipment and personnel were in place when we arrived. An Interim Safety Board had been formed and directed recovery operations. We were debriefed by the aircrew as they prepared to return to Travis.

To recover the aircraft we were able to use a procedure unique to C-5s called "aft-kneel." In short, C-5s are naturally tail heavy and by changing the height of the aft two, of four main landing gears, the tail sinks closer to the ground and the nose raises up. This allowed us to position aircraft jacks under the nose both for safety and further troubleshooting. Remarkably, by 5:45 p.m., the nose landing gear doors were open and the nose tires were back on the ground!

Our final action for the day was to tow the aircraft from the lake bed to the impoundment hangar. We were all pretty tired and grateful to adjourn to our rooms at 8 p.m.

Over the next four days, the rest of the recovery effort became more like routine

maintenance. The nose landing gear doors were removed and stowed and the aircraft was readied for a onetime flight home. After all of the safety checks were carefully completed, aircraft C-5B 87-0042 returned home uneventfully at 5:40 p.m. May 7.

This brings me to my second group of heroes, the eight maintainers with whom I shared the experience of recovering aircraft 87-0042. The team members were a

consummate group of professionals, handpicked for their expertise. They defined the concept of "Total Force". Our team was comprised of two air reserve technicians, one traditional reservist, and six active duty personnel.

None of us could have predicted as we came to work that morning, that we would be spending the afternoon and evening on the prehistoric dry lakebed at Edwards. I personally came home with a heightened sense of accomplishment. It was a job done well by all accounts.

At Travis, we have strived to build a seamless blend of active duty and reserve cooperation. This was an actual demonstration of how far we have come and just what a truly outstanding organization we have achieved. What started out as an emergency, turned out to be a reaffirmation of everything I believe to be right about the Air Force and Air Force Reserve program.

I would like to recognize the members of the Maintenance Recovery Team and their units:

Lt. David Watts – 60th EMS/LGMT; CMSgt. Jeffrey Freitas – 349th EMS/LGM; TSgt. Charles Dyer – 60th EMS/LGMTA; TSgt. Connie Harris – 349th AGS/LGGB; SSgt. Mike Highy – 60th EMS/LGMTA; SSgt. Bill Kitchen – 60th AGS/LGGA; SSgt. Frank Gamboa – 60th AGS/LGGB; SrA Matthew Carl – 60th AGS/LGGA.

Thank you for your refreshing attitudes, dedication and professionalism.

10 teams show off wartime skills

Local fuels, supply team competes at March ARB

March hosted the Air Force Reserve Command's Supply/Fuels Readiness Competition May 6-12.

The 349th Air Mobility Wing's group captured first place in the combined M-16 assembly.

Ten teams competed in fuels, supply and combined events to determine who has the most capable team in AFRC. The purpose of the this competition was to demonstrate wartime skills.

The 349th AMW team was comprised of folks from the 349th Logistics Support Squadron and the 349th Supply Squadron. Comprising the fuels team were: Tech. Sgts. Tim Woods, Loren Nickell, Gary Saladino and Christopher Martinez; and Staff Sgts. John Kelley and Jessica Utley. Making up the supply team was: Tech. Sgts. Doug Johnson, Matt Catian, Marcel Sedeno, Terry Jackson and Senior Airman

Charlie Pacheco.

"The competition is extremely important because it provides our supply and fuels folks with outstanding training in a competitive environment," said Col. Marty Sierocki, chief of supply at Headquarters AFRC, Robins Air Force Base, Ga. "The intensity generated during competition produces the kind of stress that would be similarly present in a real-world contingency or wartime scenario. As a result of the stress, the competitors learned a great deal about their unit strengths and weaknesses."

This year's featured fuels events included mobility support equipment setup, laboratory filed testing, circle-eight driving and backing vehicles into revetments while wearing chemical gear, and tire changing. Supply events were the build up of mobility bags, build up of mobility readiness spares packages, 1 1/2-ton vehicle backing, and



Team effort: Members of the M-16 assembly team practice building up a M-16. The four person team took first place in the combined M-16 assembly event with a perfect score of 100.

tractor and trailer operations. Combined events featured battlefield rescues, M-16 assembly and a combined relay race.

AFRC holds its readiness competition every other year and takes members of the top six teams to field a combined team for the annual Air Force competitions. Joining members of the Homestead team on this year's AFRC squad are reservists from third-place McGuire and fifth-place Gen. Mitchell International Airport Air Reserve Station, Wis. This year's Air Force Supply and Fuels Readiness Competition – "Rodeo" – will take place Oct. 17-19 at Eglin AFB, Fla.

Members of the March team will get a chance to flex their muscles next year with reservists from Fort Worth, Texas, and Whiteman AFB, Mo., which came in fourth and sixth, respectively.

Results of this year's AFRC events are: Fuels tire change – McGuire AFB; Fuels laboratory field testing – Gen. Mitchell IAP ARS; Fuels mobility support equipment setup – March ARB; Fuels circle-eight driving – Barksdale AFB, La.; Supply mobility readiness support equipment buildup – March ARB; Supply three-quarter ton truck – Homestead ARS; Supply mobility bag buildup – McGuire AFB; Supply tractor trailer – Fort Worth; Combined M-16 assembly – Travis AFB, Calif.; Combined relay race – Fort Worth; Combined battlefield event – Fort Worth; (349th AMW members contributed to this AFRC News Service article.)

AFA names 349th AMW as best Air Force Reserve unit

The 349th Air Mobility Wing was named the California Air Force Association's Air Force Reserve Unit of the Year winner at a recent awards banquet at Edwards AFB.

Also, two unit members walked away with individual awards from the banquet.

Presenting the unit award to Col. Jim Rubeor, 349th AMW commander, was James Estep, president of the California AFA and Brig. Gen. James Czekanski, 4th Air Force commander.

"The men and women of the 349th AMW put in a lot of hard work during the past year to garner this award," said Rubeor. "It was an honor to accept the award on behalf of the people of the wing."

"This award has been awarded annually along with others for the top performers in the Air Force in the state of California for many years," said Art Trost, Air Force Association's national

director. "The criteria and selection of the winners were left up to 4th Air Force Headquarters."

Not only did the wing sweep the top unit category, but two individuals from the 349th AMW also walked away with top honors.

Master Sgt. Gary Lewis, from the 349th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, was chosen as the Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year and Technical Sgt. Hendrik A. Van de Pol, from the 349th Civil Engineer Squadron, was named as the Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

Lewis, an air reserve technician, is an aircraft sheet metal and corrosion control specialist. While Van de Pol, a traditional reservist in the unit, is an explosive ordnance disposal craftsman.

The last time the 349th AMW captured the AFA's award was in 1998. Last year's winner was the 452nd Air Mobility Wing at March Air Reserve Base.

EMPLOYER APPRECIATION DAY: The 349th Logistics Group had its Employer Appreciation Day on May 19. More than 60 employers came out to partake in the day's activities. The employers were treated to an air refueling flight, which encompassed two C-5s and two KC-10s, lunch and then were escorted to their reservist's work area.

The 349th Operation Group's Employer Appreciation Days are planned for July 21 (deadline to submit your employer's name is July 6) and Aug. 18 (deadline to submit your employer's name is Aug. 3).

For more information about the Ops Group Employer Day, please contact Lt. Col. Del Lewis, 301st AS/DO, at (707) 424-5484. (Photo by T. C. Perkins, BVISC)



Giving, volunteering have no limits or boundaries for 349th ASTS major

Major George Friedman, 349th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, has been selected to be a recipient of the 2001 Award of Honor for his contributions to local and international communities.

This award is given from the National Military Family Association. The only national organization whose sole focus is the military family and whose mission is to serve those families through education, information and advocacy.

"The Flying Medical Volunteers" provide health care to underprivileged communities in Mexico since 1987. As a member of the organization, Friedman assumes the roles of pilot, interpreter, and physician, providing humanitarian services to the rural areas of Mexico. He established and coordinated four annual medical trips for "The Flying Medical Volunteers" to distant regions of Mexico, where small rural clinic would be set up. The Flying Medical Volunteer Clinic originated with only one medical doctor, one dentist and three medical assistants.

Today, the clinic provides service to more than 640 patients per year, with Friedman personally seeing 30-40 people

daily for acute and chronic medical conditions. In addition to contributing his personal time, Friedman provides the plane and fuel for trips, in addition to the medical supplies and equipment that are purchased with his own funds.

National Military Family Association, Inc.



Friedman's volunteer efforts have seen no boundaries or limits. His medical skills are further used at the Community Health Clinic in Napa where he provides health services to low-income families and non-English speaking residents of Napa County. He has both volunteered and served as director and physician for the community for the past 13 years. His daily duties require the supervising and training of a staff of four nurse practitioners and 10 medical technicians. Starting as an organization, which was run in a trailer with limited medical help, Friedman would use his lunch hour to personally see patients. In his volunteer capacity, Friedman tends to 1,500 patients yearly.

Working beneath the sponsorship of

the University of California Davis and Sonoma State University, Friedman has also worked for eight years as a mentor for students of the Associate Professor for the Family Nurse Practitioner and Physician Assistant Programs.

Students are partnered with Friedman for two-years during their clinical period, and learn firsthand about medicine as well as volunteerism through Friedman's example.

Friedman's

sacrifice and modest attitude towards both local and international communities has made a vast difference in the lives of the underprivileged and those people looking to learn from his example.

Friedman represents the many thousands of service-wide volunteers—uniformed, civilians and family members—whose desires are to make life a little better for the people in their communities. ARMY)

The National Military Family Association is a nonprofit, predominately volunteer organization with membership from the seven Uniformed Services, active duty, retired, reserve component and their families and survivors.

(Information provided by NMFA)

Gen. James H. Doolittle Trophy

70TH TAKES TOP AIRCREW AWARD

By 1st Lt. Dawn Young
Wing Public Affairs

Trophy cases are for showing off the honors won by hard work and dedication of the workers. The 70th Air Refueling Squadron just added another trophy to its case when it earned top honors from Air Mobility Command.

During Phoenix Rally at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., Gen. Charles T. Robertson Jr., AMC commander, presented to Col. Jim Rubeor, 349th Air Mobility Wing commander, the Gen. James H. Doolittle Trophy for being named AMC's Outstanding Aircrew for 2000.

The outstanding Team Travis aircrew consisted of: pilot 1st Lt. Michael Butler, 70th ARS; instructor pilot Capt. Jeffrey Crehan, 6th ARS; boom operators Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Lambertus and Staff Sgt. Ernest Valles, both from the 70th ARS and flight engineer Master Sgt. Benjamin Reed, 70th ARS.

The Doolittle Trophy recognizes the most outstanding AMC individual or crew that best characterizes and epitomizes qualities and traits for which Gen. Doolittle is famous. Those traits are courage,



leadership and extremely meritorious service.

This crew, which represents a joint reserve and active KC-10 crew,

took a short notice deployment to support a refueling for three F-117 air shows and expedited all necessary coordination to make that happen. In the process of conducting the F-117 refueling on July 23, the crew took the initiative to come to the assistance of a Canadian F-18 with a dire fuel emergency near terrace Kidamap, British Columbia. With only one chance to get it right, the crew demonstrated exceptional airmanship by executing a perfect rendezvous and off-loading fuel to save the Canadian F-18.

Competing for this award were all active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve aircrews assigned to AMC – includes aircrews from all of AMC's different weapon systems such as C-5, C-141, C-17, C-130, KC-135 and KC-10.

BRIEFS

20th Secretary of the Air Force, Roche, sworn in

Dr. James G. Roche was sworn in as the 20th Secretary of the Air Force on June 1, 2001, during a ceremony at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Secretary Roche was nominated by President George W. Bush to be secretary of the Air Force May 7, and confirmed by the Senate May 24.

Changing flight departure times requires no extra cost

A military member should never be charged additional fees for changing flight times, said A.C. Smith, 60th AMW traffic management flight chief. If the airline is insisting that there is an additional fee, call the traffic management office or Ravenell

Travel. Member's with questions during duty hours should call Ravenell. To reconfirm a flight after duty hours, members should call the airline direct. To change a flight time after duty hours, call Ravenell's toll free number. If you have other questions, call the duty officer for the TMO standby (707) 424-4552. Ravenell's number is 1-888-457-8871.

349th AMW blood drive times

In an effort to reach more reserve members, the 349th AMW blood drive has been scheduled for C Flight on the following dates: July 29, Aug. 19 and Sept. 23. Times are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Bldg. 31 (Pizza Hut building). Everyone who comes out to donate blood will receive two ATWIND game pieces.

CCAF graduates

Congratulations to the following Community College of the Air Force graduates:

Master Sgt. Kippen A. Bauer,
82nd APS
Master Sgt. Columbus Taylor, Jr.,
301st AS
Tech. Sgt. Anthony B. Magwili,
349th AGS
Tech. Sgt. Blake C. Cooke,
45th APS
Tech. Sgt. Charmaine E. McDonald,
349th LSS
Tech. Sgt. Jose A. Cruz,
349th AGS
Tech. Sgt. Alison F. Dabney,
349th MSS
Tech. Sgt. Fareed Mohamed,
349th EMS
Tech. Sgt. Kimberly L. Naylor,
749th AGS
Tech. Sgt. Kenneth A. Fickas,
349th CRS
Tech. Sgt. Michael E. Johnson,
301st AS
Tech. Sgt. Larry G. Olds,
312th AS
Staff Sgt. Sheila M. DeJesus,
349th AMDS
Staff Sgt. Justin L. Hayes,
349th CRS
Staff Sgt. Charles L. Keller,
312th AS
Staff Sgt. Brian T. Kluz,
349th CRS
Staff Sgt. Daniel J. McCormick,
349th CS
Staff Sgt. Christopher L. Mendoza,
349th CS
Staff Sgt. Audie D. Rodrick,
349th AES
Staff Sgt. Tony R. Small,
349th AES
Staff Sgt. Voke U. Uwedjojevwe,
349th CS
Staff Sgt. Dwayne M. Vanmeerten,
79th ARS
Senior Airman Christina
Castille-Roshamp,
349th AGS
Senior Airman Jennifer M. Hamm,
349th MDS, Det. 2

Jet Dispatch saves money, time plus nets AFRC Team Excellence Award

Story and photos by
Staff Sgt. Robin Jackson
Wing Public Affairs

Reservists joined with their active-duty partners to set the stage for a new process in jet engine repair. A process that recently netted the 349th Component Repair Squadron and Air Force Reserve Command Team Excellence Award.

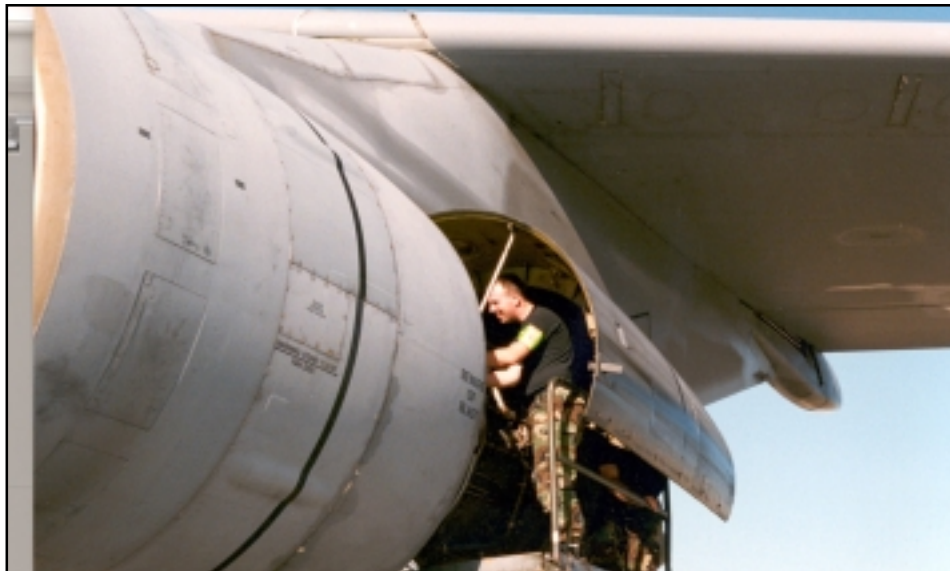
The 60th CRS's Propulsion Flight has implemented a new way of doing business. The 349th CRS is assisting active duty in ensuring that the section's goals have been met or exceeded.

The Jet Dispatch section was developed to maintain and repair the TF-39 engine and the GTCP165-1 auxiliary power unit while still installed on the C-5 Galaxy aircraft.

"The section developed into a specialized function to enhance the Production Team Maintenance concept," said Senior Master Sgt. Rudy Perez, 349th Propulsion Flight Superintendent.



Engine work: Staff Sgt. Brian Sullivan and Staff Sgt. Keith Ingram (right) install an aft TF-39 engine mount on the C-5 pylon.



New process: Staff Sgt. Brian Sullivan works on the TF-39 fuel system.

"Under this concept, the personnel are specialists on this aircraft however they are expected to perform cross utilization training to assist in other maintenance fields as well."

According to Chief Master Sgt. Jerry Parrish, 349th Component Repair Squadron Superintendent, because the jet engine specialists assigned were working in all of the different phases of aircraft maintenance, they were not necessarily being utilized to their fullest potential as jet engine mechanics. Therefore this section was developed to fill that void.

The C-5 Galaxy TF-39 engines were not operating as well as they could. Part of this was due to the level of attention the engines require in order to perform well.

"These engines need a lot of preventive maintenance and their performance is based on how well it is maintained," said Senior Master Sgt. Perez. "This can be compared to a tune-up on a car. If the performance starts to falter, then the engine needs to be worked on."

Because the TF-39 was falling below standards the engine performance was tracked closely and as soon as the quality levels dropped a team of jet engine mechanics performed engine runs and made adjustments to maintain the status. With the creation of the new jet engine dispatch section personnel are able to repair the engine on the aircraft 24 hours a

day, 7 days a week.

According to Parrish, the personnel in the jet dispatch shop still assist mechanics with other functions in aircraft maintenance and lend a hand where and when it is needed.

"Interaction between the active duty and reserves is a strong link in the ability to perform aircraft maintenance," said Master Sgt. William Morrissey, Production Supervisor Jet Engine Dispatch section. "The personnel assigned to the section receive the same training as their active duty counterparts. Our members will perform mandays to support the active duty during manning shortages, which works out well for all of us."

The jet dispatch section is run by Bill Maclaren, 60th Component Repair Squadron and on UTA weekends Master Sgt. William Morrissey, an air reserve technician, leads the 349th CRS troops. Currently the section has two air reserve technicians and seven traditional reservists.

"The 60th and 349th CRS have briefed numerous dignitaries on this new section and everyone was very impressed with the process," said Perez.

"We are hoping the Air Mobility Command takes a closer look at the operation here at Travis, because we feel this system could be a pilot program for other AMC units as well."

Virtual TACC

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are tasked to provide tactical, initial communications capabilities for Air Mobility Command and USTRANSCOM.

"This is the type of Total Force operation we train for on a regular basis," said Major Craig Wells, commander of the 349th Communications Squadron.

"The Team Travis communicators, both reserve and active duty, have come together bringing their core areas of expertise to ensure the success of this mission."

"We're testing a 'proof of concept' to see if TACC can be run from any location (other than Scott), rather than from a specific fixed location," explained Tech. Sgt. Earl Bowermaster, primary Work Group Manager for Headquarters AMC/TACC.

"Our desire is to establish a virtual, alternate TACC, that can be located anywhere," said Maj. Dan Nickerson, the Deputy Chief for TACC Communications

Support at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

An alternate TACC "needs to be mobile and flexible. We're looking for a better way to do business that's cheaper and more flexible," he added.

"It's the first time we're testing the TDC (Theater Deployable Communications) package," Bowermaster said. "We hope to find out if it will work on a small scale and

if it does, we'll test it on a larger scale," he said. Normally, about 135 computer stations would be configured. The Travis test set up 14.

During the test, the team provided all alternate TACC west cell operations. In essence, for two days, all of TACC's normal customer services and operations were conducted at Travis.



Satellite links: Members of the 349th CS (from left) Tech. Sgt. David Castillo, Staff Sgt. Jonathan Grace and Senior Airman Kevin Ray, verify satellite links and coordinate with Army personnel at the STEP (Standardized Tactical Entry Point) site at Camp Roberts, Calif.

(Photos by Maj. Craig Wells, 349th CS/CC)



Connected and ready to go: Tech. Sgt. Robert Kipperman, a 349th CS computer and switching technician, coordinates telephone installation connectivity at the outset of the alternate TACC test at Travis.



All hooked up: Staff Sgt. David Sims, 615th AMOS (left); Staff Sgt. David Gagney, 615th AMOS (second from left), Master Sgt. Dennis Gilb, 349th CS (center); and Staff Sgt. Jonathan Grace, 349th CS (right), move the Lightweight Mobile Satellite Terminal (LMST) into place in preparation for the Alternate TACC test at Travis.

Two NCOs increase cash flow with IDEA program

By 1st Lt. Dawn Young

Wing Public Affairs

Safety and saving money were the reasons that motivated two noncommissioned officers to contribute to the IDEA program. An idea that netted each of them \$5,000!

Master Sgt. Mark Bartlett and Technical Sgt. John McKern, both from the 349th Component Repair Squadron, suggestion was to modify the vertical maintenance platforms to accommodate a locally purchased engine.

The platform, used everyday on the flight line by C-5 aircraft mechanics, is a stand that is powered by a pull start engine. "In order to start the engine, to raise the platform up, we have to pull the rope," explained McKern. "The rope was a safety hazard. It easily got tangled around stuff. We got tried of getting beat up by the rope." The engines are low engine compression, which makes them hard to start.

The new, locally purchased engine, is an electric start engine. "Now all we have to do is flip a switch and push a button and the engine is running," said McKern.

Safety was one of the motivators for the two noncommissioned officers, but the other reason, saving money, is what paid big dividends for them. "The old engines were just that, old," said Bartlett.

The Air Force started to use the platforms, costing about \$30,000 each, in the late 1960s, and then started using this type of engine on them about 10 years ago. "The engine is no longer manufactured. So it is difficult to get parts to repair it and when you found the parts they were costly," stated Bartlett. "The only thing that ever failed on the platforms were the engines. Without the engines the platforms are useless." Replacing the entire fleet of platforms at Travis, engines included, would cost about \$160,000. The cost of one new engine is about \$1,200. Travis has 6 vertical maintenance platforms.

Locating a replacement engine was easy for McKern. "I run a lawn service as a side job, and deal a lot with engines. It just took some time to locate the exact one that would work for the platforms," he explained.

Swapping out the old engine for the new one is about a two-day job. "First the welding shop needs to weld a new mount plate. From there it comes back into our shop and we can replace the engine," said Bartlett.

The expected benefit is that there is an increase in the ease of use for the operator, eliminates potential injury from the rope start hazards, and extends the life of the platform stand for many years. "The electric start feature will also assist in maintenance and trouble shooting procedures making it a one-technician task," said McKern. Submitting the paperwork was a little time consuming for the pair, but well worth it. "We hit a few bumps along the way of trying to get this approved, but we just kept pressing forward," said McKern.

"They knew they could make a difference," said Master Sgt.



NCOs net cash: Master Sgt. Mark Bartlett (kneeling) and Technical Sgt. John McKern made a suggestion that netted them \$5,000 each. (Photo by Nan Wylie, BVISC)

Gerald McKnight, 60th AMW manpower and organization. "We only get 4 or 5 ideas that net more than \$1,000 a year for the suggestor," said McKnight. "I'm glad to see they got some money for all their hard work."

Enlisted workshop takes care of business

By Senior Master Sgt. Patricia Thornton

70th ARS

From the moment our 349th Air Mobility Wing Enlisted Workshop began May 17, until the retiring of the colors the room was filled with high-energy professionals ready to glean more information to assist with their career development, mentoring and overall Reserve issues.

Riding this energy wave while providing much appreciated career guidance were our two primary speakers, Chief Sergeant Major John J. Leonard, Jr., Senior Enlisted Advisor for the Office of the Secretary of Defense and Chief Master Sgt. Cheryl D. Adams, Command Chief Master Sergeant for the Air Force Reserve Command. They also gave the audience a platform to air their specific issues, making notes to take back and address at a higher level.

Was this workshop “takin’ care of business” as promised? As Adams had the participants saying in mantra-like fashion, “ABSOLUTELY!”

In addition to the primary speakers, Chief Master Sgt. Karen Redd and Senior Master Sgt. Patricia McReynolds recapped last year’s workshop and some of the results. The participants then learned more about ourselves through team building and communication exercises as well as the role-playing scenarios. Representatives from ESGR, AFSA, USAA, Solano County Veterans’ Affairs, Space Command, other branches of the service and 349th AMW Recruiters and Career Advisors, all provided valuable information and tools to an information-thirsty group, which will enable them to make better career decisions.

What type of feedback was received from the exit surveys? Here are some direct quotes:

“Make it 3 days!”

“This was one of the best things I’ve ever been involved with, military or civilian!”

“Outstanding! Life and career changing!”

“Very inspirational and motivating. Should be mandatory!”



Speaking up: Command Chief Master Sergeant for the Air Force Reserve Command, Cheryl D. Adams spoke at the workshop.

Needless to say, people who weren’t there, missed out on something highly beneficial.

However, there is next year. If you’re interested in joining the great WEW team for next year’s production, please email patricia.thornton@travis.af.mil or call (707) 424-7103.

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